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AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

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STATE FOR IRVING WILLIAMSON, EB/OCA/BR; USDOC FOR ROBERT
WATKINS OD/OIM/BIC; ABIDJAN FOR FERRITER; ACCRA FOR DREW

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, AG

SUBJ: AF AND NEA ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCES

REFS: (A) STATE 090671 (B) STATE 091348 (NOTAL)

1. ALGIERS ATTENDANCE NEA CONFERENCE AT TEHRAN BEING
REPORTED SEPTTEL.

2. IN VIEW OF COMMATT RALPH H. GRANER'S FORTHCOMING
ASSIGNMENT AS EC/COMM OFF ACCRA, AND SINCE WE UNABLE
HAVE BOTH OUR EC/COMM OFFICERS AWAY FROM POST SIMULTANE-
OUSLY, URGE THAT GRANER BE DESIGNATED TO ATTEND ABIDJAN
CONFERENCE IN LIEU OF TEHRAN. ALSO URGE SHORT CONSULTATION
FOR HIM AT ACCRA DURING SAME TRIP (AT NEGLIBLE EXTRA
TRAVEL COST).

3. SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM ALL CONCERNED, GRANER
PROPOSES FOLLOWING ITINERARY:

ETA ACCRA JUNE 8, 1930, KL 583 FROM MADRID.

ETA ABIDJAN JUNE 10, 1210, WT 943 FROM ACCRA.

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ETD ABIDJAN JUNE 14, 0810, KL 584 FOR MADRID.

ALTERNATIVE, INVOLVING HIGHER COST AND MORE CONNECTIONS, IS:
ETA ABIDJAN JUNE 10, 1210 WT 943 FROM LAGOS.
ETD ABIDJAN JUNE 13, 1745, GH 543, OR JUNE 14, 0845,
GH 545, FOR ACCRA.
ETD ACCRA JUNE 15, 1905, RK 517 FOR ABIDJAN,
CONNECTING WITH RK 26 FOR NICE.

4. IF CONFERENCE SCHEDULE PERMITS, WOULD MUCH PREFER ETA
IN FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE JUNE 10, 2115, AZ 838 FROM ACCRA.

5. SUGGEST THAT CONFERENCE TOPICS INCLUDE POLICY ON
ASSISTANCE TO US MULTINATIONAL FIRMS WHO MAY
NOT SUPPLY FROM US SOURCES, POLICY ON WHETHER POSTS CAN
SELECTIVELY AID US FIRMS WHICH THEY BELIEVE HAVE BEST
CHANCE OF WINNING CONTRACTS, AND DISCUSSION OF METHODS
OF CODING BASKET TRADE OPPORTUNITIES AND EFFECTIVENESS OF
TOPS PROGRAM.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: STATE AND COMMERCE: APPROVE

GRANER'S ATTENDANCE ABIDJAN AND CONSULTATION ACCRA.
ABIDJAN: ADVISE IF 2115 ARRIVAL JUNE 10 ACCEPTABLE.

ACCRA: ADVISE IF PROPOSED CONSULTATION DESIRED AND

CONVENIENT AND, IF SO, IF FIRST SCHEDULE--ESSENTIALLY
SUNDAY AND EARLY MONDAY--SUFFICIENT.
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